

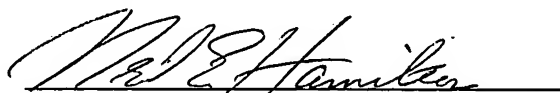
polymer having 3.5 or more reactive functional groups per polymer chain and a B polymer having about 2 to about 3 functional groups per polymer chain that are co-reactive with said reactive functional groups of the A polymer; said B polymer is a condensation polymer selected from the group consisting of polyamide, polyester, epoxy, polyurethane, polyorganosiloxane and poly(ether), said co-reactive functional groups of said B polymer are hydroxyl, carboxyl, epoxy, oxazolinyl, ester, amino, isocyanato or mixtures thereof, said A polymer has 3.5 or more hydroxyl functional groups per polymer chain, and (ii) a colorant, wherein substantially all of the co-reactive functional groups of the B polymer have been co-reacted and a molar ratio of A polymer to B polymer is about 3:1 to about 2:1.7.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 9, 10, 20, 21, 40 and 41 were withdrawn in the parent application as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 42-51 were withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention. This divisional application is directed to these previously withdrawn claims. Claims 9, 20 and 40 are presented herein as newly re-written Claims 52, 53 and 54, respectively. Original dependent Claims 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 21, 33, 34 and 41 are made depend on the re-written claims following the same format as in the parent application.

With entry of the above amendments, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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